



NEWSLETTER - OCT 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Census - Please Help!

We have to complete a detailed School Census on behalf of the Department for Education three times every year. The first date this year is **Thursday 5th October**. This is the mechanism by which the school receives funding for pupils. It is absolutely essential that we claim all of the money that the school is entitled to receive to maintain our standards at Boldmere. One of the areas that we are asked to complete, is the number of children with a parent or parents who are Service Personnel serving in regular HM Forces military units or in the Armed Forces of another nation and stationed in England. Members of the Territorial Army are not classed as the regular armed forces for the purpose of the Census. The other specific group that we are required to complete is the number of children adopted from care. The DfE asks parents to provide supporting evidence, such as a photocopy of the adoption order. We realise that this is sensitive information and need to assure parents that this information is confidential and will only be used for completion of the Census. The funding for school dinners is also based on the number of dinners provided on that day and we ask for as much support as possible on this census day.

Space Themed Lunch on Census Day Thursday 5th October

We will be having a Space themed lunch on **Thursday 5th October**. We would like to have the absolute maximum number of children possible having a free school dinner on this day. The funding of dinners for the rest of the year is based on the number of dinners provided on that day and it is really important that we claim all possible funding for Boldmere Infant School. We completely understand that some children and families prefer a packed lunch but would ask for as much support as possible.

To order your child's dinner please visit Schoolgrid. If you need any help with this the school office will be happy to help.

The menu for the day is attached to the newsletter

Nasal Flu Immunisation- Thursday 5th October 2023

NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team will be coming into school on Thursday 5th October 2023 to administer the Nasal Flu vaccination to Reception, Year One, Year Two and Giraffe class.

Any outstanding forms please return to the office as soon as possible.

Spare forms are available from the Infant school office.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th October - Reception parent workshop 9.15-10.15am.

Thursday 5th October - Year 2 parent workshop 9.15-10.15am

Thursday 5th October - Nasal Flu Immunisation for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Friday 6th October- Whole school sponsored walk.

Wednesday 11th October- Photographer in school to take individual photos.

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th October - Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm.

Friday 27th October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 6th November- School re-opens to all pupils.

Wednesday 8th November - School Open Day for Reception 2024, 9.30am and 5.00pm

Friday 22nd December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Monday 8th January 2024- School closed for professional development day.

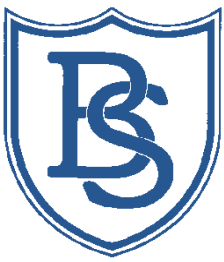
Tuesday 9th January- School re-opens to all pupils.

Friday 9th February- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 19th February- School re-opens to all pupils.

Dogs

Polite reminder that dogs/puppies are not allowed on the school site, whether they are walking or being carried. The ONLY exception are guide dogs.



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Parent workshops

This week has begun with the first of our parent workshops, and it was lovely to see so many of you for tea and biscuits! Thank you to all parents/carers who attended Year 1 meeting this morning, hopefully you will have found it useful and have a few strategies for supporting your child with maths and reading at home.

Please could we ask that all evaluation forms are returned to your child's class teacher by Friday, thank you.

Reception workshop is tomorrow and Year 2 is on Thursday, both starting at 9.15am.

All presentations will be uploaded onto the school website at the end of the week, please visit the curriculum pages for the appropriate year group.

Boldmere Family Displays

We consider our school to be a very large family, therefore we would love your child to bring in a family photograph next week. We want to make a whole school "Boldmere Family" display to celebrate how families and schools work together. Please note that photographs are being used for a display so they may fade or be pinned (a copy or spare photograph is ideal).

Nursery September 2023

We have had a few afternoon Nursery places become available. If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/19 and 31/08/20 who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.

School Photographs

We have arranged for children to have school photographs taken on **Wednesday 11th October**. Children who have siblings within Boldmere Infants & Juniors school will be able to have their photos taken together as well as individually. We are unable to facilitate photos with siblings who are not at the Infant and Junior School.

Parents/carers will be provided with unique codes to view, order and pay for purchases. The photographs will then be delivered to school to distribute to parents. No orders will be taken through school.

Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk will take place on Friday 6th October. We are holding this for children across the whole school, in order to raise funds for our classroom environment. As you can appreciate, our resources have a great amount of use and we are hoping to buy much needed equipment to re-stock for this year! Sponsor forms have been sent home last week yesterday.

Lunchtime Playleader Vacancies

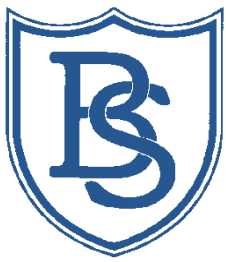
We are looking to recruit two lunchtime playleaders to join our lunchtime staff in Boldmere Infant and Nursery School. The post is for five days per week, 1 hour 10 minutes per day with an approximate start of 12.10pm. If you enjoy working (and playing!) with children, and would like to support our fantastic lunchtime team, please contact school for details or click on the link where further information can be found including job description and application form. Paper copies, can also be collected from the Infant school office.

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 13th October. Please feel free to share this with anyone who may be interested in this position at our school. We look forward to receiving applications.

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid.



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School Council

Thank you to those year 1 and 2 children who have written to their teachers showing interest in being on the school council. Mrs Mason delivered an assembly today to explain the role of a school council representative and how children can apply.

If your child would like to apply to be a school council representative we ask that they write a couple of sentences explaining why they would be good for the job (please scribe if they need support). The deadline for applications has been extended to Monday 9th October.

Reminders

Drinking bottles should only contain water please.

Name all items of clothing - our lost property box is already full!

Dolce School Catering

If you would like to contact Dolce our school catering company regarding anything to do with school lunches please contact them via customercare@dolce.co.uk

Reception Admissions - September 2024

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2024. Please visit the website at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information. The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024.**

Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2024

Letters will be sent home later this week to all Year 2 children.

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024.**

Contact Details

It is essential that parents/carers inform us whenever home addresses, mobile telephone numbers or any other contact details change. We must be able to get in contact with a parent at all times.

Parent Representatives

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered their services to be part of our Parent representative group. The group provide a valuable link between school and parents, and meet each half term to discuss school issues. The parents below have put themselves forward to represent the following classes:

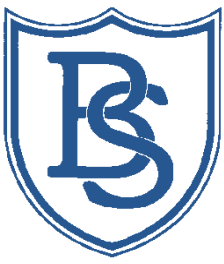
2P- Celine Benoit

2B - Tonita Whittier-Turlunch

RI - Kerry Gallier

RB - Amy Holland and Danielle Griffiths

We still have vacancies for some classes, namely 2U, 1H, 1S, 1L and BIB, so please let us know if you would like to join us. The first meeting of the year will be a joint meeting one with Junior school on Thursday 26th October at 2.30pm, in the Training Room. Subsequent dates for the rest of the year will be confirmed at that meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks.



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Busy Bodies

At Busy Bodies, for the remainder of this term we hope to focus on creating some autumnal craft activities with the children, including baking, arts and crafts using the inspiration of autumn.

If you are walking along and see any objects such as fallen leaves, acorn, conkers etc, please send them in with your child as this will help go towards the activities planned for the remainder of the half term.

October booking forms.

Polite reminder that October forms were required by last Wednesday 27th September. Currently we still have 20 booking forms outstanding, the Busy Bodies Manager will send out an email remainder to those requiring a form.

Please note that there will now be a late fee added to your account once your booking form is received, please ensure that this is accounted for when paying for your October sessions.

We also have one form without a child's name on it, if for any reason this belongs to you, please inform the Manager at your earliest convenience.

Snacks

A kind reminder to those who send in a pack lunch for their children, please ensure that we are providing a healthy snack. Also, please ensure that we do not include any items containing nuts as we have several children with severe allergies.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

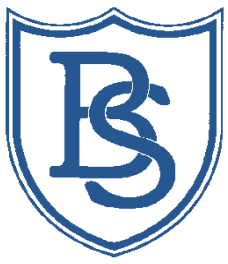
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

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03/10/2023



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